



Press Release

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On: TEXAS MILK PRODUCTION
UP 7 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

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AUSTIN. . . Texas milk production totaled 550 million pounds during March, up 7 percent from last year's production of 515 million pounds. February 2004 production totaled 500 million pounds.

The number of milk cows during March averaged 317,000 head, down 3,000 head from last year and unchanged from February 2004. Production per cow averaged 1,735 pounds during March, up 8 percent from last year and up 9 percent from February 2004.

Milk production in the 20 states participating in the monthly survey totaled 12.8 billion pounds, down 1.8 percent from production in these same states in March 2003. February revised production, at 11.8 billion pounds, was up 1.4 percent from February 2003.

Production per cow during March averaged 1,656 pounds, 10 pounds below a year ago. The average number of milk cows in the 20 states was 7.71 million head, 96,000 head less than last year and 2,000 head less than February 2004.